Dear Jim,

9/7/75

I'm going to be like a horseless cavalry for a couple days more, without my typewriter in the best of causes. Howard brought a friend who is a good typist. He is using this machine for final typing of the footnotes. Howard is writing them. I mean just about all of them in a monumental job of lacing the appendix together and with the text, which he reread in full preparatory to the job. He is really doing a very big job with little time left. He returns Tuesday.

In itseelf this is a great value but I've come to realize how much more it is because his presence relieved some of the pressure and I felt how really tired I am. The two come together as a really appreciated job and tremenduous help to the book, what it can do and to me.

Meanwhile, besides nebaling me to get more sleep it is making it possible for me to do other things. I've finished the writing of the new part, Lil is retyping it, and I've been euchred out of this by more than space and equipment: the others are now doing it all. So, I've had a chance to attack the stack again and I think I've found a fair number of CIA documents the Archives has not given me from the 1972-3 declassifiction. I'll have to do some checking. And replacing. Those I got from Paul are largely illegible. I got them at least two years ago and had no chance to read them.

I'll be going over what I've gotten today, I expect, unless I'm needed on PM. I think we may be getting to the point where eliminations may be necessary. What I got came in several batches one on which was damaged and I've been pressing it since.

The note on the pronter who wouldn't print is not unexpected but it means a different problem. They have a thinner paper I now can't use. This means I can't go over a total of 672 pp and may have to hold down to 660 to be safe on mailing costs. I await still another estimate. Sammie has used none of these with the newest presses. We've cut the text where it was possible, 12 pages in two chunks where it was dated. One requires renumbering the text from there on, meaning the index also. The other comes at the end of a chapter and documents are there appropriate so that very large job is eliminated by this offbeat approach. The documnentation, under any circumstances, is enormous and possibly monumental. Howard's opinion on rereadings coincides with Kabak's on the impact of the case.

He has written a new preface on my invitation. It is much shorter. I've not read it. It presented only an indexing problem but not a great one because it was numbered in Romans, fortunately. He thinks it saves another 10 pages for appendix. My conclusions, which he has not yet read, are also short, less than 8 double-spaces pages on this machine. The fourth part was also cut heavily. I believe some of it should have stayed in but didn't argue with Howard's judgement although I do now regret not condensing it instead. It was for context in the overall, the crazies and the Rockefeller Commission.

We'll not be able to make a final determination of the appendix until Lil, who has other work to do, can complete the retyping and typing. Then when we make the best guess possible on the appendix, which will be after Howard leaves, the index. It is the plan to have odds and ends of worthwhile documents that are not essential for the dilling of the spaces. The kinds of documents that either will make no major addition to the index of that will present no problem of adding another page to the index.

This leaves the cover, about which I'll have to lean on Sammie now. I've spoken to him several times. I've also had little response where I've asked for opinions on the title. After two days or rain it looks like we'll have a dry enough morning for an after-breakfast walk and we'll work it out then. Howard favors keeping Post Mortem as the title and we'll figure more definitiky on a subtitle. We may be able to reuse some of the art work on the cover of IV, so I'm glad you have it. As soon as Howard leaves and while Lil is still typing I'll get to work on the other three covers. And a flyer.

The book will be immeasureably better for Howard's work and that of his friend.

I'll be enclosing an updating on a few other matters, requests of CIA, DJ, etc.

Nothing else really new. I did two hours of a Texas talk show the other night but no chance for reaction before tomorrow's mail. Combined the transcripts with the current flaps down there and read several or Waggoner Carr's letters in full. He told the truth to the papers only he had no way of knowing how much he understated.